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SUBJECT: US/FRG POLICY PLANNING TALKS

REFS: (A) GERMAN/SWIERS TELCON FEBRUARY 20;

(B) BONN 2613; (C) BONN 1102; (D) STATE 12882

1. CONFIRMING PRELIMINARY INFORMATION REPORTED IN REF (A), KLAUS BLECH HAS PROPOSED REVERSAL OF BONN-BERLIN ORDER FOR BILATERAL PLANNING TALKS, SO THAT TALKS WOULD BEGIN IN BERLIN.

2. BLECH'S PROPOSAL IS THAT S/P DIRECTOR LORD AND ASSOCIATES FLY DIRECTLY TO BERLIN FROM US. ASSUMING USE OF PA 66 FROM NEW YORK ON MARCH 15, FONOFF EXPECTS PARTY WOULD ARRIVE IN BERLIN AT 11:15 A.M. ON MARCH 16. THE MAIN ADVANTAGE, AS SEEN BY BLECH, IS THAT SOME ELEMENTS OF THE PROGRAM IN BERLIN ARE MORE RELAXING THAN THOSE IN BONN, AND THESE COULD OCCUPY THE FIRST HOURS OF THE VISIT AFTER ARRIVAL. THIS WOULD SEEM PREFERABLE TO ARRIVING BONN AND GOING IMMEDIATELY INTO STRENUOUS TALKS.

3. BLECH AND FONOFF COLLEAGUES WOULD MEET MR. LORD AND PARTY AT THE AIRPORT IN BERLIN. SUGGESTED
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ELEMENTS OF THE BERLIN PROGRAM, NOT IN ANY SET ORDER

AS YET, INCLUDE TALKS ON GERMANY AS A WHOLE, BERLIN, AND THE GDR, WITH PARTICIPATION OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FRG PERMANENT REPRESENTATION IN EAST BERLIN AND ANY US OFFICIALS MR. LORD MIGHT WISH TO INCLUDE; A MEETING WITH A HIGH OFFICIAL OF THE BERLIN SENAT (NOT YET DETERMINED WHETHER THIS WOULD BE FOR TALKS OR SIMPLY A COURTESY CALL); A CITY TOUR, WHICH COULD INCLUDE A VISIT TO EAST BERLIN CONDUCTED BY AN OFFICER OF THE US MISSION OR EMBASSY BERLIN IF DESIRED; AND ATTENDANCE AT OPERA OR PHILHARMONIC EVENING OF MARCH 16.

4. GROUP WOULD THEN PROCEED TO BONN LATE ON THE AFTERNOON OF MARCH 17 (THE LAST FLIGHT LEAVES AT 1800 AND ARRIVES COLOGNE/BONN AT 1900), FOR A SMALL DINNER IN BONN ON MARCH 17 AND TALKS HERE ON MARCH 18. IF PREFERRED, THE GROUP COULD LIMIT THE BERLIN TALKS TO HALF A DAY AND PROCEED TO BONN IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON OF MARCH 17.

5. BLECH WOULD APPRECIATE AN INDICATION OF MR. LORD'S AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO THE PROGRAM OUTLINED ABOVE, INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE PARTY, AND AN INDICATION OF INTEREST IN ATTENDING OPERA (DIE MEISTERSINGER VON NURNBERG) OR BERLIN PHILHARMONIC EVENING OF MARCH 16.
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